Treating all Languages in Eighth Schedule as Official Language

1111. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a Committee to study the feasibility of treating all 18 languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution as official language;

(b) if so, the recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) how long it will take to implement it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The National Commission to review the working of the Constitution has also been entrusted the task of studying the feasibility of treating all the languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India as official languages of the Union.

(b) The Commission has not submitted its recommendations to the Government so far.

(c) In view of the reply to part (b) above, question does not arise.

Militant Activities in U.P.

1112. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late Uttar Pradesh is becoming one of the centres of militant activities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that police recovered twenty-seven explosives from a tailoring shop in Kanpur city during search operations in the fourth week of April, 2001; and

(c) what concrete steps are being taken by Government to meet such a challenge?